

Before the  
**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
Lifeline and Link Up Reform and	)	WC Docket No. 11-42
Modernization	)	
	)	

**GLOBAL CONNECTION INC. OF AMERICA NOTICE OF INTENT TO FORBEAR  
FROM OFFERING LIFELINE BROADBAND SERVICES**

Global Connection Inc. of America (Global Connection or the Company) is designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in eleven states for the purpose of providing wireline Lifeline service.<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Federal Communications Commission’s (Commission) Lifeline Modernization Order<sup>2</sup> and Forbearance Guidance Public Notice,<sup>3</sup> Global Connection hereby notifies the Commission of its intent to avail itself of the Commission’s forbearance from the requirement to offer Lifeline broadband services throughout the

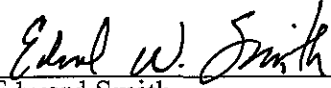
<sup>1</sup> A list of the states where Global is designated as a wireline Lifeline ETC and information about each designation is attached as **Exhibit A**.

<sup>2</sup> See *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, FCC 16-38 (rel. Apr. 27, 2016) (Lifeline Modernization Order).

<sup>3</sup> See Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance Regarding Filing Procedures for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Seeking to Invoke Forbearance Granted By Lifeline Modernization Order, WC Docket No. 11-42, Public Notice, DA 16-1316 (rel. Nov. 22, 2016) (Forbearance Guidance Public Notice).

Company's wireline service territory.<sup>4</sup> Attached hereto is an Excel file that identifies the geographic areas by county where Global Connection is availing itself of forbearance relief.<sup>5</sup>

Respectfully submitted,

  
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<sup>4</sup> See Lifeline Modernization Order ¶¶ 300-301 (concluding that “that it is in the public interest to forbear, pursuant to section 10 of the Act, from requiring existing Lifeline-only ETCs to offer Lifeline-supported broadband Internet access service”).

<sup>5</sup> See Forbearance Guidance Public Notice at 3-4.